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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: Wieskopf  
Serial Number: 10/737417 ) Art Unit: 3661  
Filed: 12/15/2003 )  
For: DRIVE SYSTEM SWITCHING CONTROL METHOD )  
Docket Number: 13693 )

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION  
and  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IN THE TERM**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

5 March 2008

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Advisory Action dated 23 January 2008, the case being under a Final Rejection dated 5 October 2007 and having a statutory period for reply set to expire on 5 January 2008. Along with this response is a petition for a 2-month extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 5 March 2008.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.